

(57) ABSTRACT

A method and an apparatus for controlling the mains bridge of a four-quadrant PWM frequency converter provided with a DC intermediate circuit when the power is flowing in the direction towards the supply network, said frequency converter being provided with an AC inductor (9) to be connected to an alternating voltage source (U_U , U_V , U_W), a controlled mains bridge (10), a DC intermediate circuit (14) and a controlled load bridge (11) for feeding a variable-frequency alternating voltage (U_S , U_R , U_T) into a load (12), and said mains bridge being provided with controlled semiconductor switches (V1-V6) and shunt diodes (D1-D6), and wherein the mains bridge (10) is mainly controlled in such manner that the controlled semiconductor switch in the upper branch of the phase having the highest supply voltage instantaneous value and the controlled semiconductor switch in the lower branch of the phase having the lowest supply voltage instantaneous value are conducting. The control of the mains bridge semiconductor switch to be conducting next is advanced by a time sufficient to cause the current of the conducting phase to turn from negative to positive before commutation.

Fig. 1